KWAH
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MUOO
HHH!

MUOH!
OOF!
LORD JUBEI!

YAGYU JUBEI... WITH YOUR SKILL...
YOU CANNOT HOPE TO STAND AGAINST MIYAMOTO TAKEZO'S STEEL OAK!

TRULY, IT IS THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON BORN OF THE SHINOBI PERIOD!
NOTHING IN THE EDO PERIOD CAN MATCH ITS STRENGTH!
THIS OAR WAS FORGED BY ARTS THAT TRANSCEND SPACE AND TIME!
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BLOCK IT ONCE I GET SERIOUS!!
HMP!

MUOH!
TO THINK THAT YOU WOULD LESSEN THE FORCE OF MY BLOW WITH YOUR OWN BODY!
GRRR!
AAH !!!

HM?!
MAKES ME WANNA BUST A GUT LAUGHING!
MIYAMOTO MUSASHI, SEEING A MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF A MASTER SWORDSMAN WEILD SUCH A CHILDISH TRICK WEAPON
IF YOU WERE EVER FORCED TO WORK UNDERGROUND IN THE WEAPONS FACTORIES, JUBEI, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!
THE SHINOKI EDO PERIOD IS A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE AREN'T ALLOWED TO BE PEOPLE.
LOSERS ARE STRIPPED OF THEIR PLACE AS HUMANS AND VIEWED AS MERE TOOLS.
EVEN WHEN THEY DIE, THEY'RE JUST TOSSED INTO THE RIVER LIKE MAGGOTS, WITHOUT THE LEAST COMPASSION!
THEY WATCH OTHERS DIE BEFORE THEIR EYES EVERY DAY FROM HUNGER AND EXHAUSTION!
WITHOUT EVEN ADEQUATE FOOD!

THERE ARE NO FOUR OCCUPATIONS THERE, NO SOCIAL ORDER; ALL THERE ARE ARE THE STRONG AND THE WEAK!

YAGYU JUBEI!!!
IS TO DEFEAT YOU!
THE ONLY PATH LEFT TO ME, LIVING IN SUCH A WORLD...

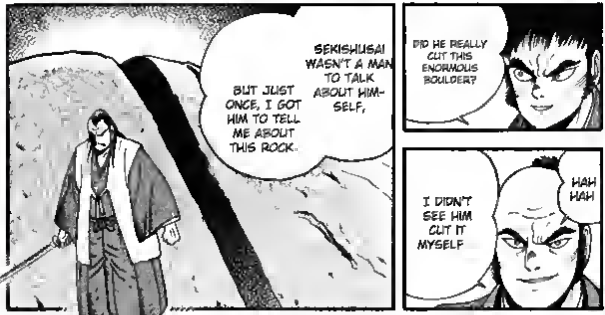
MWA HAH HAH HAH!
RETURN THIS WORLD TO NORMAL!
JA'A-MI!
IF THEY KEEP FIGHTING THEY'LL BOTH DIE!
IS YAGYU JUBEI AND MIYAMOTO MUSASHI DUELING ON GANRYUJIMA NOT A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE?
IS THIS DESIGN NOT TO YOUR HIGHNESS' LIKING!?
MWA HAH HAH!
IF YOU DON'T SET THIS WORLD RIGHT, THEN I'LL KILL YOU!!
WHAT!?
!?
AND ALL OF YOU WILL BE LEFT TO WANDER THIS OTHERWORLD
SHOULD I PERISH, THERE WOULD BE NONE LEFT TO PRACTICE SHADOW NOH!

LET US BE DONE WITH THIS!
IT APPEARS WE'RE RUNNING SHORT ON TIME, JUBEI!

THAT OAR...
I CAN'T CUT MUSASHI'S SWORD WITH MINE..
HE SWINGS THAT HARD, HEAVY IRON OAR LIKE AN ORDINARY SWORD.
IF I CAN'T CUT THROUGH THAT OAR, I HAVE NO CHANCE!
DO YOU KNOW THIS ROCK, JUBEI?

THE ONE SLICE STONE.

MY FATHER, YAGYU SEKISHUSAI, THE FATHER OF THE YAGYU SHINKAGE STYLE, CLEAVED IT IN TWO WITH ONE SWING OF HIS SWORD.
THEY SAY YOUR GRAND-FATHER,


SEKISHUSAI WASN'T A MAN TO TALK ABOUT HIM-SELF,
BUT JUST ONCE, I GOT HIM TO TELL ME ABOUT THIS ROCK.
DID HE REALLY CUT THIS ENORMOUS BOULDER?
I DIDN'T SEE HIM CUT IT MYSELF
HAH HAH

SO YOU DON'T THINK OF THE ROCK AS A ROCK
WHAT?
THINK OF IT AS MERE TOFU!
TRY TO CUT IT WITH STRENGTH AND YOU'LL JUST BOUNCE RIGHT OFF.
HE SAID YOU CUT SUCH HARD THINGS WITH YOUR MIND.
AH?
EVEN IF YOU THINK OF STONE AS TOFU, IT'S STILL STONE
I GUESS IT'S JUST NOT TOFU TO ME
MUU OOH!
THAT'S THE EPITOME OF THE YAGYU SHINKAGE STYLE.
SEKISHUSAI SAID THAT IF YOU CAN TRULY BELIEVE IT, YOU CAN CUT STONE.
YOU MAY PUL IT OFF, JUBEI!
SEKISHUSAI HAD A SORT OF WILD INSTINCT
I CANNOT DO IT!

THE SAME WILD BLOOD AS SEKI-SHUSAI!
YOUR GRANDFATHER'S BLOOD RUNS IN YOUR VEINS!
!?

IF I TRY TO CUT THROUGH WITH STRENGTH... I'LL JUST GLANCE OFF.

READY, JUBEI!?

WAH!!

WHAT'S GOING ON? SOMETHING'S PASSING THROUGH MY BODY!
EEE!
AAH!
THEY'RE GETTING EASIER TO SEE!
ARE THESE SPECTERS!?
WAH!
WAAAAAH!

WHAT'S WRONG!?
WAH!

DIIIIIIE
JUBEEEEEEE!

MUOOOH!

WHA!?
チャカ
CRRRR!
AAAAH!

WHAT?!

SEKISHUSAI SAID THAT WHEN YOU CUT ROCK, YOU CAN'T THINK OF IT AS ROCK.
THERE'S A BOULDER IN MY LAND THAT MY GRANDFATHER, YAGYUU SEKISHUSAI, CUT IN TWO
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, JUBEI!?
QRR!
GAAH!
WAH!
WAAH!
AHH!
WE'RE FALLING! THE KOGA WARSHIP IS FALLING!

SEKISHUSAI MUST HAVE WANTED TO SHOW HOW MUCH LATENT POWER HUMANS HAVE.
THEY SAY A FEEBLE GIRL SHOWS UNBELIEVABLE STRENGTH WHEN HER HOUSE IS ON FIRE
THAT'S WHAT REAL FOCUS CAN DO FOR YOU!
OHH!
BUT IT WAS BECAUSE I FACED MIYAMOTO MUSASHI,
BECAUSE I WAS PREPARED FOR DEATH, THAT I WAS ABLE TO GRASP HIS WORDS
IT WAS WHEN I PREPARED FOR DEATH THAT I SUCCEEDED IN REACHING INNER NOTHINGNESS!
LOOK! THE SKY IS SPLITTING!

WHEN YOU'RE CUTTING TOFU, POWER AND TECHNIQUE JUST GET IN THE WAY!
YAGYU OPEN SLICE!
OH!
OHHHHHHHHHH!

KOGA NINPO: ARMOR OF FLESH!
WAAH!
PROTECT LORD HIDE-TADA!
I DID IIIIT!
WAH HAH HAH!

DO NOT DIE, JUBEI!